

GOVERNOR CHAMBERLAIN'S CRITIC.

A man who says he is a democrat, writing in the Sunday Oregonian finds fault because Governor Chamberlain, in a recent speech had something complimentary to say of the republicans. The question is, would this man have Governor Chamberlain declaim always and bitterly against the republicans of Oregon, and being a political friend of his, would he advise the governor to proclaim that all the villainy is in one party, and all the virtue in another? Would he advise the governor to draw an imaginary fence between himself and the republicans of the state, and never look across that fence save with a scowl or a leer at the republicans on the other side? Had it not been for about 7,500 republicans in Oregon in the election of two years ago, who would have been governor of Oregon, and where would Mr. Chamberlain be?

It is not the party label that makes a man. Sometimes even a principle has to be labeled in order to tell to what party it belongs. The republicans of Oregon first rode the free silver plank, then the democrats did, and now the policy has to be labeled and dated to tell when it was democratic and when republican. As many scalawags fly the democratic as well as any other flag, and vice versa. In nearly every debatable question a part of the truth lies with both sides, and if Governor Chamberlain happened to discover and point out something of virtue in the republican party, it is because he is big and broad enough to rise above a hidebound partisan line, which his critic is not. Yet withal, Governor Chamberlain is as true and steadfast in his democracy as is this Portland critic, or anybody else.

THEY WILL ORATE.

Next Friday Night at College Armory
—Local Oratorical Contest.

The annual oratorical contest for election of a speaker to represent the State Inter-Collegiate Oratorical contest takes place in the college armory next Friday night. Seven orators are preparing for the occasion, and the struggle will be attended with the usual absorbing interest. Hints are going the rounds as to who will be the winners, and the names of several favorites are mentioned. Guy Moore who won over all others last year and was sent as the representative to the State contest, is among the local contestants. Clay Darby and John Witty, who took seventh and eighth places respectively last year are also on the program for the coming contest. Prizes will be awarded Friday evening as follows: gold medal and \$15 in cash to winner of first place; silver medal and \$9 for second place; silver medal and \$6 to the winner of third place. The list of speakers and their subjects are as follows:

"The Paramount Issue," Kate Daniels, Sorois society.
"Louis XIV and Absolution," Clay Darby Philadelphia Society.
"An Unappreciated Hero," Isabel Whitby, Pierian society.
"The Spirit of Unselfishness," Ralph Shepard, Zetegathean society.
"Fashion—an Impediment to Social Progress," Guy E. Moore, Jeffersonian society.
"John Marshall, the Expounder of the Constitution," John Witty, Amicitian society.
"Robert Burns, Song Writer of Scotland," Mary Sutherland Faronian society.

For Sale.

Guinea fowls, \$1.50 per pair. S. C. W. Leghorn cockrels, 75 cents each.
F. L. Howe, Corvallis,
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Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to the friends and neighbors of Philomath and Pleasant Valley for their kindness to us in our late bereavement.
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Pugsley and Children.

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WOULD REMOVE HYDRANTS.

And Leave Corvallis Without Fire Protection—Water Company Serves Notice.

The local Water Company has served notice on the city council that it is the purpose on the 1st of February to remove all fire hydrants from the water mains and leave Corvallis without fire protection. The notice has been in the hands of the police judge for several days, and all the councilmen are aware of its contents. It was presented to the police judge shortly after the regular January meeting of the council. In full, it is as follows:

Corvallis, Ore., Jan. 15, 1904.
To the Hon. Mayor and Common Council of the City of Corvallis: Gentlemen, the Corvallis Water Co. has at different times made several what we consider very liberal propositions to furnish water for fire and sewer purposes for the city but with but little consideration from the council. If the council has any desire to take action on the last proposition, the offer will stand open until Feb. 1, 1904. If there is no action taken by this date the Company will take it for granted the City has no desire to use the water for fire purposes longer and will proceed to remove all hydrants and to cut the connections of all the cisterns.

We are ready to consider any proposition from the city.

G. R. FARRA, Pres.

MRS. EMMA GROVES, Sec.

COULD BE ENJOINED.

Of course, should the Water Company remove the hydrants, as threatened in the above notice, the city would be left wholly without fire protection, and a feeling of insecurity, together with an advance in insurance rates would likely result. It is understood, however, that the councilmen are not disposed to take the matter seriously. It is the belief of most of them that the Water Company dare not undertake the removal of the hydrants. They hold that an injunction to restrain such action could be brought, and that it could be so maintained in court as to prevent removal of the fire plugs. They say that when the city first gave to Pitman and then to his successor, the Corvallis Water Company the right to lay water mains in the public streets, a privilege was conferred that set up on the part of Pitman and the Corvallis Water Company an obligation to do something for the city. This obligation they maintain, is the duty to supply water at all times at reasonable rates to the city for fire protection. In short, it is their belief that the Water Company is not wholly master of the situation, and that it owes duties to the city that it cannot shirk or avoid. These duties are to afford fire protection at reasonable rates, and any refusal to do so, it is claimed would result in complete forfeiture of the right to use the streets for water pipes, and that the city, in the event of an attempt by the Water Company to remove the fire plugs would be in position to require the company to also remove all water mains. In brief, it is claimed that the city, in the event of a struggle will hold the top hand, and that the Water Company will stand a good show to be put out of business altogether. Whether all this is true or not, is a question that only lawyers and courts can determine. It is understood that more than one lawyer has given a curb stone opinion to the effect that the Water Company is not in position to remove the fire hydrants, and that any attempt in that direction can be restrained by the courts.

WHY THEY DISAGREE.

The occasion for the difference between the council and the Water Company, is on account of action by the city council with respect to the allowance for water for fire protection and the failure of the two parties in negotiations looking to a renewal of the franchise of the Water Company. Several offers for a renewal of contract have been made the council by the Water Company, but all have been based on a contract for a term of years, and of Willamette river water as the source of supply. A strong sentiment among the people has been manifest for mountain water, and on this account the council has preferred not to make a contract for a term of years for Willamette river water. On the other hand, all the offers of the local Water Company, have been premised on a long term of years, the shortest term proposed being ten years. None of these offers have been considered favorably by the council, and each has been permitted to go over without action. On several occasions committees have been appointed to negotiate with the com-

pany, but in every instance the negotiations have come to naught.

WOULD ACCEPT WATER WARRANTS.

After negotiating in vain for a time, one of these committees submitted a report to the council recommending that the rates for fire protection be cut. The allowance on this account was \$52.50 per month. The committee reported that the seven cisterns were of no use as a means of fire protection, and recommended that the total allowance be reduced to \$33.33 per month, or \$400 per year. The council adopted the report of the committee, and served written notice on the company of the reduction in rates. The company in reply, served a notice to the effect that the reduction could not be accepted. Regularly each month since, the company has presented a bill to the council for \$52.50 for water for fire protection, and as regularly the council has cut the amount to \$33.33. A warrant for the amount has always been issued and signed, but up to the present the company has not accepted one of these warrants. This strained relation as to their financial operations has existed between the council and the company for the past seven or eight months.

CLAIMS PERPETUAL FRANCHISE.

Why the company declines to accept its warrants under the reduction, is not known. Some have the idea that it expects ultimately to bring suit to recover the balance that it claims, but against this proposition is the opinion that such a suit cannot be maintained, since, having been notified that no more than the \$33.33 would be allowed for the hydrants, and having supplied water to the city at that rate all along, the company will not be in position to sue for a larger amount.

In the disagreement, some interest attaches to the old Pitman franchise. The company claims that by virtue of that ancient act, it has a perpetual franchise from the city, and has served notice to that effect on the council. The notice was presented in the days when the council was negotiating with Smyth, who offered to bring water to Corvallis. The Pitman franchise was passed by the council May 9, 1881, and signed by Mayor Carlile May 16, 1881. The late John Bryson was recorder at the time. So much of the franchise as is pertinent reads as follows:

THE PITMAN FRANCHISE

And the said William M. Pitman is hereby entitled to sell, or in any way dispose of to the City of Corvallis and to any and all other persons whomsoever, any and all of the water works and to collect the value thereof in any sum agreed upon between the said William M. Pitman and the person in each instance with whom such an agreement may be made; and if any person or persons shall use said water or any part thereof without any special or positive agreement in relation to the sum to be paid thereof, then the said William M. Pitman shall be entitled to collect therefor the amount of money in each instance which the same is reasonably worth.

The said pipes hereafter to be laid shall be placed not less than twelve inches under the surface of the ground, except the hydrants connected with said pipes, which shall project out of the ground, and when the said pipes are laid lengthwise of said street, they shall be placed not less than eleven feet from the line which separates the blocks of said city from the streets.

All the provisions of this ordinance shall be construed so as to inure to the benefit of all persons who may or shall at any time hereafter claim said pipes, water works and all things connected therewith, under or through the said William M. Pitman; provided, that nothing contained in this ordinance shall interfere with property holders on Second street building sidewalks adjacent to their lots, ten feet in width, in accordance with written ordinance No. 39; and, provided further, that nothing in this ordinance shall be construed as to grant any exclusive right or privilege of conducting water into this city.

—Real estate transfers filed for record are: L. N. Price to E. L. Tozier 130 acres near Bellfountain, \$2,000; E. L. Tozier and wife to O. C. Wheeler, same property, \$2,400; United States to J. H. Morris and wife 320 acres south of Corvallis; George A. Bennett & wife to I. R. Hughes and wife 114 acres in Philomath, \$425; Samuel Swanson to S. A. Mills, Hotel Corvallis, \$20,000; A. C. Miller to Matilda L. Rodgers 65 acres in King's Valley, \$1,450; F. Chambers and wife to Matilda L. Rodgers 65 acres in King's Valley, \$1,278; John Quivey and wife to S. Chipman, fractional lot, block 1 county addition, \$300; S. L. Kline et ux to Eugene Pierce two lots in N. B. and P. Avery's addition, \$60; Etella Peterson to F. A. Peterson 21-2 lots, block 24 county addition, \$1.

BURIED IN BENTON.

The Home of his Boyhood—W. H. Hartless—The Funeral Monday.

In burial robes and a casket W. H. Hartless came back to his old home in Benton, Monday, and a new mound in Newton cemetery marks the spot where he sleeps the last long sleep. The body was accompanied to Corvallis by the daughter, Miss Georgia Hartless, by R. M. Davisson, his former business partner and brother-in-law, and by Mrs. W. S. Gilbert of Portland. A delegation of old friends met the party at the West-side station, and accompanied the remains to the family home, where the funeral occurred at one o'clock. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Carrick of the Presbyterian church, and the interment was in Newton cemetery.

Later particulars throw no new light on the accident. In company with his friend, C. W. Lockwood, Mr. Hartless was passing along First Avenue, Seattle. He left Lockwood, saying he had business over the way, and started diagonally across the street. Two street cars, going in opposite directions were approaching, and in stepping out of the way of one, he passed almost directly in front of the other. The latter was a Park car, descending a grade at a rate of speed estimated at 20 miles an hour or more per hour. Mr. Hartless was struck in such a manner that he was knocked down, and the wheels of the car passed over both legs, below the knee. One limb was nearly cut in twain and frightfully mangled, while the other was twice broken. The most serious injury, however, and undoubtedly the one that caused death, was in the breast. There, a terrible blow, completely caved in the wall in the vicinity of the heart.

The statement of Ira Davisson who went from Tacoma to the scene is to the effect that the victim remained entirely unconscious after reaching the hospital, where he died in the early hours of the morning. The coroner was absent when the accident happened, and wired to hold the body for an investigation, but on his return to the city determined to take no proceedings.

W. H. Hartless was born on the Hartless farm, one mile south of Philomath, November 28, 1854, and was, at the time of his death, aged 49 years, one month and 25 days. His father was one of the early merchants of Corvallis, known then as Marysville. The deceased grew to manhood on the old homestead, and completed his education at Philomath College. In 1878 he engaged in the butcher business in Albany, and shortly afterward was married to Miss Ceatta Davisson. In 1882 he retired from business in Albany and returned to Benton where he engaged in business in various lines.

He was a charter member of the Artisan's lodge in this city, and was its first master. He was also a member of the order of Lions in Seattle, holding insurance benefits in both organizations.

The deceased is survived by the widow, the daughter, Miss Georgia Hartless, a brother Eldridge Hartless of Philomath, and three sisters Mrs. Ogleby, of Five Rivers, Mrs. Zimmerman of Portland and Mrs. Cleveland, of Little Rock, Washington.

Great Storms.

A man frozen to death on the streets of Chicago, an ice gorge 30 feet high and two miles long in the Delaware river, and the thermometer far below zero all the way from Kansas to the Atlantic Coast is the latest news from the East.

For Sale.

Best Plymouth Rock or Brown Leghorn cockrels or eggs.
J. B. Irvine, Corvallis.

Portland.

Wool 17 to 18
Wheat valley 78 to 80
Flour 3.75 to \$3.85 per bl.
Potatoes \$.70 to 90 per sack
Eggs Oregon, 27 per doz.
Butter 20 to 22 c per lb.
Creamery 27 to 30 per lb.

Corvallis.

Wool 15
Wheat 71 per bushel.
Oats 28
Flour c 1.05 per sack
Butter 15 to 25 per lb
Creamery 70 per roll
Eggs 25 to c per doz
Chickens 15 per pound
Lard 13per lb

Lost.

Between Philomath and Gonalde mill, small, black bear skin cape. Leave at Times office.

Dry Wood.

Maple or fir in any quantity. Leave orders at Hodes Grocery store, or order direct to undersigned at phone number 226.
Frank Francisco.

Some Special Plums

During Our Annual Sale.

1 Lot boys' overalls, 5 to 12 years, worth from \$5 to \$7.50, Plum Price \$2.50.
1 Lot men's mackintoshes worth \$5.50 to \$6.50, Plum Price \$3.45.
1 Lot of men's vest kip boots, worth \$3.50, Plum Price, \$2.48.
1 Lot boys' shoes, sizes 11 to 2, worth \$1.50 to \$2, Plum Price, \$1.
1 Lot men's shoes, worth \$1.50 to \$2.50, Plum Price, \$1.
1 Lot boys' black duck coats, blanket lined, Plum Price, \$1.28.
1 Lot men's coat ulsters, Plum Price, \$2.69.
1 Lot men's odd pants, worth from \$1.50 to \$2.50, Plum Price, \$1 a pr.
1 Lot boys' knee pants, worth 50 cts. to 75 cts., Plum Price, 33 cts.
1 Lot boys' knee pants suits, ages 5 to 14, some worth \$1.75, Plum Price, \$1.00.
1 Lot boys' suit, long pants, ages 12 to 19, some worth \$6, Plum Price, \$2.98.
1 Lot of men's wool fleeced underwear, Plum Price, 98 cts. a suit.
1 Lot men's frock suits, 33 to 37, worth from \$7.50 to \$15, Plum Price, \$4.98.
A broken line of "Gold" white dress shirts, \$1.50 and \$2 grades, Plum Price, 75 cents.
A lot outing flannels, Plum Price 43 cents per yard.
A lot embroideries, worth 25 to 30 cents, Plum Price, 15 cents.
All our cloaks, wraps, jackets, tailor made suits, furs and flannel shirt waists at HALF PRICE.

A lot of women's outing flannel night robes, 54 cents each.
A lot lace curtains, 58 cents a pair.
A lot ladies' side down dressing gowns, 74 cents each.
A lot of ladies' outing flannel kimono, at 48 cents each.
A lot of women's gray and ecru vests and pants, 35 cent grade, Plum Price, 23 cents.
Broken lines of K & G corsets, \$1 grade, 69 cents, \$1.50 grad, 98c.
\$12 novelty dress patterns, Plum Price, \$7.90.
\$8.50 novelty dress patterns, Plum Price, \$5.90.
A broken line of ladies and misses rubbers, 18 cents a pair.
A lot of ladies' \$1.50 shoes, Plum Price, 98 cents.
1 " " 2.00 " " 1.35.
1 " " 3.00 " " 1.90.
1 " " 3.50 " " 2.49.
1 " Misses 1.50 " " .98.
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1 " " 2.00 " " 1.29.
A broken line of children's shoes at big bargains.
A few ladies' and misses' mackintoshes, HALF PRICE.

These prices are Spot Cash. Come along and save money and help us to clean house before our New Spring Stock arrives.

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Bright cheat and rye grass hay, vetch, speltis, timothy, and rye grass seeds, Poland China hogs, Shropshire rams, Good, bright vetch straw, fresh from the barn, for sale at reasonable prices.
L. L. Brooks.

Wanted.

One hundred to 200 head of goats—Address, giving description, of flock and price,
A. J. Johnson, Corvallis.

For Sale.

Twenty shares of stock in the Equitable Savings and Loan Association, Enquire Geo. E. Lilly, First National Bank.

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Oxfords and Grade Merinos—all two years old past, Good sheep with prices reasonable. Call on or address
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